

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read:

Claims 1-27. (Canceled)

28. (Withdrawn) An antibody or fragment thereof that specifically binds a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in any of SEQ ID NO: 13, SEQ ID NO: 15, OR SEQ ID NO: 17.

29. (Withdrawn) An antibody of claim 28 which is a monoclonal antibody.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of an antibody of Claim 28 in a mixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, carrier, solubilizer, or diluent.

Claims 32-35. (Canceled)

36. (Withdrawn) The antibody or fragment thereof of claim 28, which is a chimeric antibody.

37. (Withdrawn) The antibody or fragment thereof of claim 28, which is a CDR-grafted antibody.

38. (Currently amended) A monoclonal antibody or fragment thereof that binds a polypeptide consisting of ~~an amino acid sequence selected from:~~

~~(a) amino acids 1 to 524 of SEQ ID NO: 11;~~

~~(b) amino acids 1 to 547 of SEQ ID NO: 13, and~~

~~(c) amino acids 1 to 547 of SEQ ID NO: 15.~~

39. (Canceled)

40. (Currently amended) The antibody or fragment thereof of claim 38, which is a chimeric antibody or a chimeric antibody fragment.

41. (Currently amended) The antibody or fragment thereof of claim 38, which is a CDR-grafted antibody or a CDR-grafted antibody fragment.

Claims 42-45. (Canceled)

46. (Currently amended) A composition comprising an antibody or fragment thereof of claim 38 in a mixture with an adjuvant, carrier, solubilizer, or diluent.

47. (Currently amended) An antibody or fragment thereof which is raised against a polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO: 11, wherein the antibody or fragment thereof binds the polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO: 11.

48. (Currently amended) The antibody or fragment thereof of claim 47 which is a monoclonal antibody or a monoclonal antibody fragment.

49. (Currently amended) The antibody or fragment thereof of claim 47 which is a chimeric antibody or a chimeric antibody fragment.

50. (Currently amended) The antibody or fragment thereof of claim 47 which is a CDR-grafted antibody or a CDR-grafted fragment.

51. (Currently amended) A composition comprising an antibody or fragment thereof of claim 47 in a mixture with an adjuvant, carrier, solubilizer, or diluent.

52. (Currently amended) An antibody or fragment thereof which is raised against a polypeptide comprising amino acids 1 to 524 of SEQ ID NO: 11, wherein the antibody or fragment thereof binds the polypeptide comprising amino acids 1 to 524 of SEQ ID NO: 11.

53. (Currently amended) The antibody or fragment thereof of claim 52 which is a monoclonal antibody or a monoclonal antibody fragment.

54. (Currently amended) The antibody or fragment thereof of claim 52 which is a chimeric antibody or a chimeric antibody fragment.

55. (Currently amended) The antibody or fragment thereof of claim 52 which is a CDR-grafted antibody or a CDR-grafted antibody fragment.

56. (Currently amended) A composition comprising an antibody or fragment thereof of claim 52 in a mixture with an adjuvant, carrier, solubilizer, or diluent.